GLEN PARK NEWS

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Magical Mystery Tour

Finally! The secrets that control our destinies as San Franciscans will be revealed. On Tuesday, March 14th, at 7:30 pm, Sally Kipper of the Mayor's Budget Office will take the Glen Park Association on a magical mystery tour of the City Budget: where the money comes from, and, more important, the processes by which the decisions are made on where it goes.

This is your opportunity to learn what you need to know to effectively lobby on behalf of your "pet" City service, so be sure to attend. And bring your friends and neighbors.

Saving Glen Park Services. As Deep Throat said to Woodward and Bernstein, "Follow the money". Understanding the budget process is crucial to effectively arguing on behalf of our city services: our branch library, the recreation center and its programs, the quality of Glen Canyon habitat, whether our streets are cleaned -- everything. Last summer, the Ad Hoc committee had to take a crash course on library funding. Those involved in the effort were amazed at how little we all knew about this most basic aspect of the City and its functions.

Rumors, some well founded, are now circulating about the future of the Glen Park Recreation Center. If we, as a neighborhood, are to be effective, intelligent advocates, we need to understand the decision-making process that sets the City's priorities, and how those priorities are reflected in funding.

How the Decisions Get Made. Sally Kipper will spend about 20 minutes explaining the sources of money (city tax revenues, state and federal programs, grants, etc.) and where it goes (all the services we see, plus some that we rarely even think about). She'll talk about the legal constraints on the decisions, such as state-mandated programs, consent decrees, the charter and the Gann Limit. She will also discuss the priorities, both within a given department and citywide, and how those priorities get set.

Then she'll field your questions. To save time and ensure that those issues of greatest importance are addressed, we will take notes at the door and compile them. After those issues are covered, Sally will take questions from the floor.

About our Speaker. Sally Kipper has spent most of her career working with public budgets. She was on Assemblyman Lou Papan's staff for 13 years before going to Sacramento to work for the Ways and Means Committee where she came to Sam Yockey's attention. And when Yockey came to San Francisco, to be Mayor Agnos' budget guru, he asked Sally to be part of the team. Since she'd been commuting between San Francisco and Sacramento for over a year, she jumped at the chance.

Though she is well versed in the entire public budget process, Sally's prime responsibilities are the social services budgets, juvenile justice, the senior escort program and several smaller commissions and agencies.

She and her husband are also our neighbors, as they live in Glen Park. We very much appreciate her willingness and openess -- particularly as her work responsibilities are heating up rapidly, to spend the evening with us. ■

Annual Meeting Results

The annual meeting of the Glen Park Association was held on February 14th, during which officers were elected to serve through January of 1990 and issues facing our neighborhood were addressed.

Election Results. To their amazement, the 1988 officers were unopposed and re-elected by acclamation. Their names appear on the roster on page 2.

Committee Reports. The remainder of the meeting was taken up by reports from committee chairs on their activities for 1988 and their priorities for 1989.

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GPA Board Roster

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Programs ..... open
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Publication ..... Carol Schatzberg 239-4553
Recreation and Parks ..... Dawn Murayama 333-9053
Scouting (BSA) ..... Heather Johnson 584-9482
Traffic & Parking ..... James Goodfellow .. 333-3661
Zoning & Planning ..... Stuart Morgan 777-0444

Upcoming Meeting Dates

The Glen Park Association meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month in the Recreation Center Auditorium, Elk and Chenery Streets, at 7:30 pm. The officers and directors strive to achieve a balance between informational speakers and what we call Town Meetings.

Eveyone who lives in, works in, or is concerned about Glen Park is welcome to attend and provide imput. It's a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, and share problems and solutions.

1989 Meetings

March 14	July 11	November 14
April 11	August 8	(No meeting in Dec.)
May 9	September 12	
June 13	October 10	

Coming Up

March 14 - Sally Kipper, Mayor's Budget Office
April 11 - Town Meeting, *You* set the discussion
May 9 - Ken Dowlin, City Librarian

GPA NOTES

New Chairs

How fortunate we all are that we have such good people in our neighborhood who will work for us all. In the last issue, we announced the need for a new Zoning and Planning Chair. Now we have one: **Stuart Morgan**. He and his wife have lived on Brompton Street for three years. Stuart is an architect, and thus well-acquainted with the vagaries of the City Planning Department and its often obscure codes. We are genuinely grateful that he has volunteered for this key position.

Jay Estey has stepped forward to take over responsibilities as the GPA's delegate to the Coalition of for San Francisco Neighborhoods. Long-time delegate, **Ruth Gravanis**, overcomitted as always with her efforts on the Open Space initiative follow-up, Mission Creek Conservancy, Bicycle Transportation Advisory Committee and Sierra Club, to name a few, bravely kept up with the Coalition but was relieved when Jay volunteered. Jay develops educational technologies, and should prove ro be one of the rising stars in the Coalition with his thoughful, measured and always intelligent input.

Library Gift

At the annual meeting, the membership voted to purchase a subscription to ***Citireport*** as a donation to the Glen Park Library. This outstanding newletter is published monthly, and is virtually the only source of in-depth reporting on City Hall, its personalities and issues. ***Citireport*** covers the various committees of the Supervisors, what's going on with the mayor's office, as well as the oversight commissions that set policy. We are confident it will help all of us in the Association to be more effective advocates for our neighborhood.

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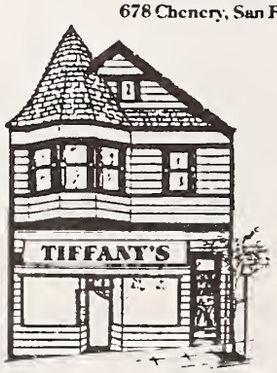

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DRIVE BY SHOOTING IN GLEN PARK

If you've recently driven through parts of the Mission or Potrero, coming back to Glen Park seems like entering another, much more peaceful world. The temptation exists to think that the problems in those and other areas brought on by drug abuse and sales don't exist in Glen Park. And most of the time, you'd be correct.

But not on December 27th. On that day, people living near Glen Park School found themselves in a war zone.

How could it happen in Glen Park? Easy. One group of young people, so-called "wannabees" of a gang, was walking down the hill after their check-in at Youth Guidance Facility. Another group, rivals in the gang wars to control crack cocaine distribution, was heading up the hill in a car to their check-in at YGF. The two groups spotted each other, and the group in the car opened fire. Miraculously, though at least 12 shots were fired, no one was killed or injured.

We Live in the Real World

Our neighborhood is not separate from the rest of the City, and we **are** affected by what goes on elsewhere. Take crime statistics, for example. The chart shows felonies in Glen Park between Jnuary and November 1987 vs. 1988.

Felony	1987	1988	%Change
Homicide	0	2	*
Rape	3	0	*
Robbery	10	17	+70
Assault	47	38	-18
Burglary	52	53	+.2
Auto Burglary	9	15	+66
Theft (+$400.)	35	42	+20
Auto Theft	55	69	+23
Other Theft	59	59	0
Other Reports	239	205	-8

* numbers too small to derive meaningful percentages.

It's interesting that our overall crime rate dropped about 3%. But certain crimes rose dramatically: robbery (+70%), auto burglary (+66%), and thefts (+20%). Those are crimes of opportunity committed largely by young people wanting quick money to purchase drugs.

The Cost in Your Own Dollars

A recent Chronicle article reported that 5.3% of citywide police calls deal with crack cocaine. Because our police district has a major drug dealing area within it, our percentage is more like 20%. That's one reason why it sometimes takes the police a long time to respond to your call. 71% of the cases the DA prosecutes are for crack cocaine; with finite resources, that means the office must decline to prosecute other cases. The cases where children are removed from their home because the parent(s) are crack-addicted represents 77% of the foster care caseload. Treatment for crack-addicted newborns at SF General alone cost $3.5 million last year, and is expected to be nearly $5 million this year. Those numbers abve are just for crack. They don't include heroin (ar least 13,000 addicts in San Francisco) or PCP.

Just because you don't see it does not mean crack cocaine doesn't direcly cost you. You pay everytime you write a check for auto insurance, for your home or renter's policy, and your health plan.

It's Our Choice

The problems created by crack in a neighborhood often comes down to issues of turf: either the residents control the street, or the dealers do. And it can change frightenly fast. At 46th and Judah, for example, it took only 3 weeks for dealers to completely take over a block. Thus far its taken 6 months of ceaseless effort to get them out, and the battle is far from over.

Arguably, the best strategy for coping is to keep your immediate area free from drug dealing. If you have not done so, contact SF SAFE at 533-1984, and ask about forming a neighborhood watch program. It works.

Over the long haul, President Bush may have been correct when he said it's no longer enough to just talk about the problem. Each of us has to become actively involved. That might mean volunteering to help on one of the many service programs, from Scouting and PAL, to literacy and tutoring programs like the library's Project READ and the Omega Boys Club.

It's worth keeping is mind that we who are in our prime will be spending our old age in a society whose leaders are now under seige from narcotics. For our our sakes, our own self-interest, we can either work on the preventive, educational side to keep kids drug-free and reclaim those who aren't.

Or we can take our chances. ■

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THE GLEN PARK PARKING AND TRAFFIC SURVEY

TRAFFIC FLOW

1. Overall, what is your general rating of the traffic flow in Glen Park?
   ☐ Fine ☐ Satisfactory ☐ Poor ☐ Satisfactory, with the following exceptions:
   _____
   _____

2. In the past, several locations have benn identified as having problems, and solutions have been proposed. With **10** being "great idea" and **1** being "terrible idea", please rate your solutions to these problems:

   Bosworth at Diamond Streets: Rating
   - Add left-turn light on Bosworth _____
   - Add left turn light on Diamond _____
   - Other (specify) _____

   Diamond at Wilder/Chenery Streets:
   - Add a stop light _____
   - Eliminate bus zones _____
   - "Do something" about double parked trucks _____
   - Other (specify) _____

   O'Shaughnessy above Bosworth (speeders):
   - Put in speed bumps _____
   - Re-engineer the decreasing radius curves _____
   - Other (specify) _____

3. If you are concerned about traffic in any other location, please use the other side to tell us the problem and your proposed solution.

4. Overall, do you consider enforcement of traffic laws in Glen Park adequate? _____

PARKING

1. Overall, how do you generally rate the parking in Glen Park?
   ☐ Fine ☐ Satisfactory ☐ Terrible ☐ Not too bad, except for (specify) _____
   _____

2. Regarding preferential parking (D-sticker areas), do you rate this program as
   ☐ Fine ☐ Satisfactory ☐ Terrible ☐ OK, with the following exceptions _____
   _____

3. Would you favor reducing the preferential parking time allowance from 4 to 2 hours? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Regarding the above question, the Traffic Division tells us that they *rarely* enforce the D-sticker parking because their system is build around a 2-hour, not 4-hour limit. If it would mean more consistent enforcement against all-day commute traffic, would you favor reducing the time limit from 2 to 4 hours? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. There are several "gaps" in the D-sticker area, where one side of a street has houses, but the other side doesn't. Would you favor extending the D-sticker on the the open sides of those streets? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. In general, the City feels that metered parking should correspond closely to the general boundaries of a commercial district. In the past 5 years, Glen Park's commercial district has expanded up Monterey and Chenery Streets, but there has been no additional metering. Would you favor installing new parking meters to reflect the expansion of the commercial district? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Re the BART lot: would you favor setting aside 25% of the spaces for 2-hour metered parking? ☐ Yes ☐ NO

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GENERAL

Many times people's perceptions about traffic and parking reflect where they live and how they get around. Therefore, please take a few moments to answer these questions:

1. What is your address?_____

2. Is this within 2 blocks of the Glen Park Village commercial district? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Do you commute to work? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, do you use your own car ☐ Yes ☐ No

   ☐ Ride the bus ☐ Take BART ☐ Other (specify)_____

4. Other than commuting, to get around the City do you use public transit?

   ☐ Most or all the time ☐ Sometimes ☐ Rarely or never

5. How long have you lived in Glen Park? _____

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Annual Meeting Results

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Coalition of San Francisco Neighborhoods

GPA delagate **Jay Estey**, new this year, explained that the Coalition brings together people from throughout our city's neighborhoods to discuss and act upon issues of mutual concern. Many of these issues tend to be development-oriented, as each of us seeks to preserve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Jay's personal focus has been on working with the Environmental Committee to cope wirh proposed expansion of the airport, as well as mitigate current undesireable impacts, chiefly noise.

Jay also noted that, historically, neighborhoods in the south and southeast parts of the City have not been involved in the Coalition; thus their specific concerns have largely been ingnored. But as those problems affect all of us, and as our issues also affect them, Jay said one of his highest priorities is going to be to involve those neighborhoods.

Health and Environment

Chair **Carol Gamble**, like several others, was laid up with the flu. She advised us, however, that she will continue to address the airport expansion and noise issues on which she has been so active this past year. She also welcomes your suggestions and input.

Neighborhood Improvement

Co-chair **Lorraine Garrehy**, speaking on behalf of **Sarah Glasgow** (another flu casualty), said one of her prime focuses will be to expand her committee. Currently, they are limited in what they can tackle because of time constraints. Thus, their offorts are often piecemeal. Anyone interested in helping Lorraine and Sarah is invited to call them (see page 2).

Public Safety

Marcia DeHart reported that her priority for the year is to develop pro-active efforts to prevent the infiltration of drugs and their problems from further impacting our neighborhood. Chief among those efforts is to promote SAFE blocks and alternatives for our youth. Help is needed.

Publication

Chair **Carol Schatzberg** made her regular request for assistance in soliciting ads for the quarterly *Glen Park News*. She also requested that articles and letters be sent to her attention for publication. Finally, she noted that ads only pay for about half the cost of the *News*, and therefore contributions above and beyond dues are welcomed.

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Recreation and Parks

Chair **Dawn Marayama** was unable to attend because she has recently suffered a severe foot injury (several bones were broken). She sent word, however, that she would like volunteers to help fight the possible closure of the Glen Park Recreation Center, the Committee's most immediate priority. She also reported that progress is being made, albeit slowly, in selecting a contractor to undertake the natural resources inventory and master plan for Glen Canyon, which received a grant from the Open Space Fund last year.

Scouting

As chair **Heather Johnston** was still another flu casualty, scouting leader **Bob Lando** reviewed the successful Cub Scout program for 1988. There are many active Cubs and parents to help out, but there are difficulties recruiting older boys for the regular Scout program, largely because of the lack of parents willing to help out.

Traffic and Parking

Chair **James Goodfellow** new this year, reported that his first step is to conduct a survey of thse issues among Glen Park residents. The survey is included in this newsletter, and he has urged everyone to take a few minutes to fill it out. That way, he will be able to present our priorities to the Police, DPW, and the new Parking Authority.

Zoning and Planning

New chair **Stuart Morgan** offered to be a conduit for imformation to and from the City on development issues affecting Glen Park. Of immediate concern was the rumored new development at St. John's Playground. He reported that nothing has been filed with the City to indicate any intention to develop the area at this time. He promised to regularly check with the Planning Department and advise of any status changes.

*Special thanks to **Tiffany Farr** for donating the soft drinks, **Creighton's Bakery** for the cookies, and the great many chefs of Glen Park for the delicious goodies.*

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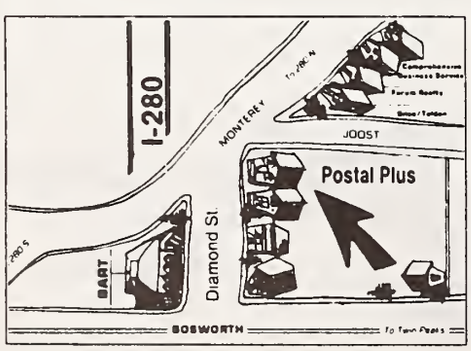

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The "SAFE" club of the 500 block of Laidley had investigated this program, and organized a informational meeting for interested property owners. This meeting will be held at the Glen Park Recreation Center Auditorium on Tuesday, March 28, 1989 at 7:30.

One aspect of the City's program requires a minimun of two adjacent blocks signing up at the same time. The residents of the 500 block of Laidley hope that neighbors on adjacent blocks will be interested in the program. Most specifically, owners of property on the frist two blocks of Roanoke (No. 1 through 199), the first block of Surrey (No. 1 through 99), the 3000 through 31000 blocks of Castro, and the 400 block of Laidley would be wise to attend this meeting where they can gain from the orgaization and momentum of the 500 block of Laidley. ■

Library Report in May

In May, the GPA welcomes City Librarian, Ken Dowlin to our meeting to field your questions about the City's libraries and especially our own branch. He will report on plans for the new main library (last election's Prop A), and how it will impact branch services. This is your chance to say your piece about the Glen Park Branch. Be there! And bring neighbors!

Use it or Lose It

Circulation is down a little, reports Glen Park branch librarian Marcia Schneider. Remember, we have to keep our numbers up to keep our library. Happily, doing so is a pleasure. So visit our library and check out a book. Or two. Or more.

Other Activists

On the 3rd Tuesday of the month, you have your choice of groups. The Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods meets at different locations throughout the city. Call Jay Estey (587-3400) for details.

Or bring your traffic, annoying neighbor or virtually any other inter-personal issue to the Ingleside Police District Community Relations Meeting, at Ingleside Station in Balboa Park, 7:30 pm. You'll find strategies you need at either meeting depending on your interest.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Glen Park Association

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PHONE: HOME _____ WORK _____

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_____

Whould you be interested in serving on or helping the committee most involved with your concerns? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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